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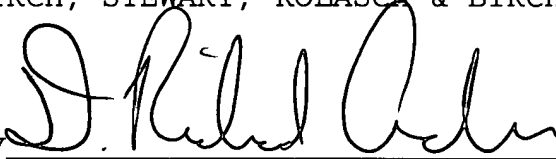
|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |   | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |   | RATE  | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---|---|---|---|------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| TOTAL   | 15  | - | 20  | =                | 0 | \$ 18 | \$0.00            |
| INDEPENDENT   | 3   | - | 3   | =                | 0 | \$ 84 | \$0.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |   |   |   |                  |   | \$280 | \$0.00            |
|   |   |   |   |                  |   | TOTAL | \$0.00            |

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOX AF  
REPLY UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

PATENT  
2091-0186P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. WATANABE et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: 09/246,695 Group: 2153  
Filed: February 9, 1999 Examiner: K. Flynn  
For: NETWORK PHOTOGRAPH SERVICE SYSTEM

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REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 8, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application; claims 1, 6, and 10 being independent.

**The Official Action**

In the Office Action dated October 10, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Parulski et al. (EP0 860 980 A2).

**Claim Rejections**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on January 7, 2002. During the interview, the parties agreed that Parulski et al. does not